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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Examiner the results of an International Search Report as well as other references which have come to Applicant's attention through corresponding examination procedures. As no first Office Action on the merits has issued in this case, no fee is due.

- DE 196 31 297 A1 which corresponds to U.S. Patent 5,896,087 discloses a theft protection system, particularly for textiles, leather goods and other products wherein the products are provided with a function strip, such as a seam band, waistband, hanger, label or the like. The function strip is provided with an alarm tripping device. The theft protection system includes at least one detector placed in the exit areas of the selling floor of a shop, department store or the like, wherein the detector responds when a product provided with the alarm tripping device is being moved passed the detector. No translation is available to

Applicant at this time.

- DE 195 23 965 which discloses an electronic identification system for patients or other individuals having an identification band made of transparent plastic, harmless to the skin and resistant to water and body fluids. The safety lock is made of steel, alloyed and refined, again harmless to the skin and resistant to water and body fluids. When locked, it cannot be opened or manipulated by tampering. The micro-transponder is provided with the identification number for an individual, not interchangeable and stored so that it can be clean but cannot be erased. The number can be read from the micro-transponder by the reading unit. No translation is available to Applicant at this time.

- DE 91 14 895.2 U1 is a German Patent Office Publication which discloses a carrier element with an embedded transponder to the reinforcement at the container and having a disk made out of hard rubber. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time.

- EP 0 595 549 A2 is cited in the International Search Report and in corresponding foreign examination procedures, discloses radio frequency baggage tags.

- GB 2 318 545 A as cited in the International Search Report is a British Patent Office Publication which discloses laminating articles.

- WO 92/17866 A1 as cited in the International Search Report which discloses an article sorting system.

Consideration of these references is requested. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicant attaches a copy of the International Search Report.

Applicant also wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Examiner references which

have come to Applicant's attention through foreign corresponding examination procedures.

- DE 35 90 698 C2 is a German Patent Office Publication that corresponds to U.S. Patent 4,752,680 which discloses tags for identification system having a card-like information carrier readable with RF capitalized waves and having resonant devices at spaced intervals across its face that are tuned to different resonant frequencies, an item of information being encoded in the pattern of those frequencies. No translation is available to Applicant at this time.

- DE 20 15 295 is a German Patent Office Publication that corresponds to U.S. Patent 3,755,803 which discloses an electronic surveillance system having a passive label attached to an article under surveillance that is interrogated by means of a transmitted signal in a first form of energy. No translation is available to Applicant at this time.

- U.S. Patent 4,788,102 which discloses a data-carrying card, method for producing such a card, and device for carrying out said method.

- DE 196 49 337 A1 is a German Patent Office publication which discloses a microelectronic identification element e.g. for paper document validation having a microchip secured to the surface of the document via a flat carrier, the security data stored in the microchip transmitted to a validation device, via electrically conductive adhesive contact points, connected to the microchip terminals. The rear surface of the microchip, connected to the internal earth line for the microchip, may be connected directly to a plastics contact point coupled to the validation device. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time.

- DE 42 26 654 A1 is a German Patent Office Publication which discloses an anti-theft

label with oscillating circuit that uses coil and capacitor welded in the pocket of transparent foil of plastics material having a plastics envelope formed by two layers. The anti-theft warning or identification element is in the form of coils sandwiched between paper labels. The labels are printed with product information that is visible through the plastics material. The paper labels and the coil element is inserted into the envelope and the edge sealed to prevent removal. No translation is available to Applicant at this time.

- U.S. Patent 4,797,785 which discloses a circuit arrangement and resonant label, and a process for its production.

- WO 96/10803 which corresponds to EP 0 784 829 discloses a support arrangement to be embedded into a contactless chip card. Applicant attaches a translation of the abstract. No full translation is available to Applicant at this time.

- EP 0 784 829 which corresponds to WO 96/10803 which discloses a support arrangement to be embedded into a contactless chip card. The carrier arrangement has the external dimensions of a smart card, having a carrier film. Applicant attaches a translation of the claims. No full translation is available to Applicant at this time.

- U.S. Patent 4,999,742 which discloses an electronic module for a small portable object such as a card or a key incorporating an integrated circuit.

- DE 12 92 123 C2 which corresponds to U.S. Patent 3,359,127 which discloses a polyamide heat transfer for launderable fabrics having layers of solubilised linear polyamide. A pattern marking may be sandwiched between two continuous layers the hole being carried by temporary support. The layer may be opaque and contrastingly colored in relation to the

pattern marking, whereas the continuous layer is transparent. No translation is available to Applicant at this time.

- EP 0 756 738 B1 is an European Patent Office Publication which discloses a security label.

Consideration of the various references is requested.

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